

CLAIMS

What is Claimed is:

1. A woven fabric comprising abraded, sanded, or sueded surface fibers and which does not exhibit a harsh, wherein the retained fill tensile strength is of an amount of at least 80% the fill tensile strength of the same fabric measured prior to abrading, sanding, or sueding.
2. The woven fabric of Claim 1 wherein said retained fill tensile strength is of an amount of at least 85% the fill tensile strength of the same fabric measured prior to abrading, sanding, or sueding.
3. The woven fabric of Claim 2 wherein said retained fill tensile strength is of an amount of at least 90% the fill tensile strength of the same fabric measured prior to abrading, sanding, or sueding.
4. The woven fabric of Claim 3 wherein said retained fill tensile strength is of an amount of at least 93% the fill tensile strength of the same fabric measured prior to abrading, sanding, or sueding.
5. The woven fabric of Claim 1 wherein said surface fibers are comprised of a blend of polyester and cotton fibers.

6. The woven fabric of Claim 5 wherein said blend of fibers is about 65% polyester and 35% cotton.
7. The woven fabric of Claim 6 wherein said fabric is warp-faced.
8. The woven fabric of Claim 7 wherein said warp-faced fabric is a twill.
9. The woven fabric of Claim 2 wherein said surface fibers are comprised of a blend of polyester and cotton fibers.
10. The woven fabric of Claim 9 wherein said blend of fibers is about 65% polyester and 35% cotton.
11. The woven fabric of Claim 10 wherein said fabric is warp-faced.
12. The woven fabric of Claim 11 wherein said warp-faced fabric is a twill.
13. The woven fabric of Claim 3 wherein said surface fibers are comprised of a blend of polyester and cotton fibers.

14. The woven fabric of Claim 13 wherein said blend of fibers is about 65% polyester and 35% cotton.
15. The woven fabric of Claim 14 wherein said fabric is warp-faced.
16. The woven fabric of Claim 15 wherein said warp-faced fabric is a twill.
17. The woven fabric of Claim 4 wherein said surface fibers are comprised of a blend of polyester and cotton fibers.
18. The woven fabric of Claim 17 wherein said blend of fibers is about 65% polyester and 35% cotton.
19. The woven fabric of Claim 18 wherein said fabric is warp-faced.
20. The woven fabric of Claim 19 wherein said warp-faced fabric is a twill.
21. The woven fabric of Claim 1 wherein said fabric exhibit a low degree of pilling.
22. The woven fabric of Claim 2 wherein said fabric exhibit a low degree of pilling.
23. The woven fabric of Claim 3 wherein said fabric exhibit a low degree of pilling.

24. The woven fabric of Claim 4 wherein said fabric exhibit a low degree of pilling.

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